

HOUSE RESOLUTION 197

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Vanderbilt University on being named the tenth most innovative university in the world.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize and pay tribute to those remarkable educational institutions that have distinguished themselves as international leaders in higher learning and academic disciplines; and

WHEREAS, with much acclaim, Vanderbilt University in Nashville has been named the tenth most innovative university in the world, according to a Thomson Reuters analysis of 100 educational institutions from around the world that are doing the most to advance science, invent new technologies, and power new markets and industries; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious ranking is based on a number of indicators, including patent filings and research paper citations, and sees Vanderbilt rise from twentieth place in 2016, due to a significant increase in how often its patents have been cited by other researchers around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the only new institution among the top ten, Vanderbilt University filed 218 patents across a wide spectrum of technologies between 2010 and 2015, ranging from biotech to agriculture, with a 43.1 percent success rate; and

WHEREAS, Vanderbilt also has an overall commercial impact score of 74.5, which is about a third greater than the average score of 48.7, an indicator that reflects how often basic research originating at an institution has influenced commercial research and development activity, as measured by academic papers cited in patent filings; and

WHEREAS, a national leader, Vanderbilt University expanded its Center for Technology Transfer and Commercialization in 2011 to accommodate increased demand from researchers

and launched the Wond'ry in 2016 to incubate cross-disciplinary discovery, innovation, and creativity; and

WHEREAS, since 1873, Vanderbilt University has benefited the good people of the State of Tennessee through its contributions to the development of knowledge, preparation of leaders, support of practitioners, and engagement of our communities to improve our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to applaud and recognize the outstanding commitment to excellence in education exhibited by the administration, faculty, staff, and students of Vanderbilt University; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Vanderbilt University on being named the tenth most innovative university in the world by Thomson Reuters and commend its many contributions and exemplary efforts on behalf of the good people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.